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Grain and Feed Update

Rice Lockup Report - June 2013

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Report Highlights:

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Post:
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Rice, Milled

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STATISTICAL TABLES

Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for Rice

Rice, Milled Vietnam	2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014	
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2012		Market Year Begin: Jan 2013		Market Year Begin: May 2013	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	7,740	7,740	7,820	7,740	7,820	7,770
Beginning Stocks	1,941	1,941	1,826	1,826	2,076	1,801
Milled Production	27,152	27,152	27,650	27,375	27,850	27,670
Rough Production	43,443	43,443	44,240	43,800	44,560	44,272
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250
MY Imports	100	100	100	100	100	100
TY Imports	100	100	100	100	100	100
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	29,193	29,193	29,576	29,301	30,026	29,571
MY Exports	7,717	7,717	7,400	7,400	7,700	7,700
TY Exports	7,717	7,717	7,400	7,400	7,700	7,700
Consumption and Residual	19,650	19,650	20,100	20,100	20,600	20,600
Ending Stocks	1,826	1,826	2,076	1,801	1,726	1,271
Total Distribution	29,193	29,193	29,576	29,301	30,026	29,571
1000 HA, 1000 MT, MT/HA						

PRODUCTION

Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (as of June 2013)

Marketing Year	2011/2012 Revised		2012/2013 Estimate		2013/2014 Forecast	
Harvested Area (tha)	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Winter ¹	1,770	1,770	1,770	1,770	1,770	1,770
Spring ²	3,120	3,120	3,150	3,140	3,150	3,150
Autumn ³	2,850	2,850	2,900	2,830	2,900	2,850
TOTAL	7,740	7,740	7,820	7,740	7,820	7,770
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.68	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Spring	6.39	6.39	6.45	6.45	6.50	6.50
Autumn	5.29	5.29	5.35	5.35	5.40	5.40
AVERAGE	5.60	5.61	5.66	5.66	5.69	5.69
Production (tmt)						
Winter	8,284	8,407	8,407	8,407	8,407	8,407
Spring	19,960	19,960	20,317	20,253	20,475	20,475
Autumn	15,076	15,076	15,515	15,140	15,660	15,390

TOTAL	43,320	43,443	44,238	43,800	44,542	44,272
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¹ Lua Mua (10th Month), ² Winter-Spring, ³ Summer-Autumn

Source: MARD, Post estimates

Estimate for MY 2012/2013 (began January 2013)

Post revises total rice production for MY 2012/2013 down to 43.8 million tons of paddy rice, about 500,000 tons of paddy, or 300,000 tons of milled rice equivalent, less than Post's last estimate in April. The drop in total production is due to an estimated smaller harvested area of Autumn rice crop in the South of Vietnam (including the Mekong River Delta area) and a slightly smaller harvested area in the Central part of Vietnam.

Spring Crop

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development's (MARD) monthly report in June 2013, the total Vietnam harvested area for Spring crop was 3.14 million hectares. This is about 10,000 hectares smaller than Post's last estimate in April. The smaller harvested area occurred in the Central part of Vietnam, where there was a lack of water during the dry season in the early part of calendar year 2013. Farmers, therefore, decided to decrease the planting on those areas lacking sufficient moisture. The overall yield of the Spring crop, however, was not affected by the weather.

Autumn Crop

The MRD typically accounts for more than 80 percent of the total autumn crop planting area.

As of June 15, 2013, the total Autumn crop (main Autumn and late Autumn crops) was revised to 2.83 million hectares, down 70,000 hectares from Post's last estimate in April. This includes the report of planted area at 2.09 million hectares for the main Autumn crop and an expected 0.74 million hectares for the late Autumn crop, which will be planted after the main Autumn crop.

Currently, the planted area of the main Autumn crop in the coastal area of the Mekong River Delta is reduced by about 15,000 hectares due to the late arrival of the rainy season. The dry weather also affected the upland area in the southern and the central provinces, which made farmers shift about 25,000 hectares out of rice, preferring alternative crops on that land. The total area loss for the main Autumn crop in Vietnam is about 40,000 hectares.

Moreover, with the current market situation, farmers will also likely cut their late Autumn crop area, which is expected to be reduced to around 740,000 hectares (about the same size of the MY2011/2012). The initial plan for the late Autumn crop from MARD was 770,000-800,000 hectares.

Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year

(000 ha; mt/ha; 000 mt)

	2011/2012 (Revised)			2012/2013 (old)			2012/2013 (Estimate) (new)		
	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.
Winter	200	4.30	861	200	4.10	820	200	4.10	820
Spring	1,579	6.86	10,832	1,600	6.90	11,040	1,600	6.90	11,040
Autumn	1,670	5.50	9,185	1,685	5.55	9,352	1,670	5.55	9,269
Late Autumn	740	4.86	3,596	770	4.90	3,773	740	4.90	3,626
Total	4,189		24,473	4,255		24,985	4,210		24,755

Source: MARD, Post estimate

